

# SENATE BILL 528

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By: **Senators Currie and Raskin**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2010

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Development of Curriculum Content for Chess Instruction**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Education to develop curriculum  
4 content for a certain course in chess instruction; authorizing county boards of  
5 education to implement certain instruction in certain schools under certain  
6 circumstances; and generally relating to the implementation of a course in chess  
7 instruction in the public schools in the State.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 4–111.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, Chess increases strategic thinking skills, stimulates intellectual  
15 creativity, and improves problem–solving ability while raising self–esteem; and

16 WHEREAS, When students play chess, they must call on higher–order thinking  
17 skills, analyze actions and consequences, and visualize future possibilities; and

18 WHEREAS, In countries where chess is offered widely in schools, students excel  
19 in math and science; and

20 WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Maryland has declared the importance  
21 of promoting science, technology, engineering, and math education in the public  
22 schools to prepare students for the future and to allow Maryland to lead the nation in  
23 the number of science and technology jobs; now, therefore,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 **4–111.1.**

5 **(A) THE STATE BOARD MAY DEVELOP CURRICULUM CONTENT FOR A**  
6 **SEMESTER–LONG COURSE IN CHESS INSTRUCTION.**

7 **(B) IF THE STATE BOARD DEVELOPS CURRICULUM CONTENT UNDER**  
8 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, A COUNTY BOARD MAY IMPLEMENT THE**  
9 **CHESS INSTRUCTION IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, OR HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE**  
10 **COUNTY.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2010.